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New Requirements for The Import of Wines and Liquors 2006

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Report Highlights:

The Secretariat of Treasury (SCHP) has recently published modifications to the Foreign Trade Rules for 2006, including modifications of Annex 18 - Individual Identification Data of Specific Goods. The announcement established a new requirement for Annex 18, a manufacturer declaration of the alcohol content of the product, in the list of requirements with which wine and liquors importers/exporters must comply.

Includes PSD Changes: No
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Introduction: This report summarizes two announcements from the Secretariat of Treasury (SHCP) published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on August 15 and 21, 2006.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcements and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

Titles:

- A) Modifications to the Foreign Trade Rules for 2006.
- B) Annex 18 of the modifications to the Foreign Trade Rules for 2006.

Important Dates

A)

- 1. **Publication Date:** August 15, 2006
- 2. **Effective Date:** August 16, 2006

B)

- 1. **Publication Date:** August 21, 2006
- 2. **Effective Date:** September 5, 2006

FAS/Mexico's Executive Summary: The Secretariat of Treasury (SCHP) first published the Modification to the Foreign Trade Rules for 2006 on August 15, 2006 announcing the modification of the rules' text, as well as some annexes (including Annex 18). Later, on August 21, 2006, the content of Annex 18 —Individual Identification Data of Specific Goods— was published. The announcement established for Annex 18 the insertion of a new requirement, a declaration from the manufacturer certifying the alcohol content of the product, in the list of requirements with which wine and liquors importers/exporters must comply. SHCP will continue to request that importers/exporters present appropriate documents to comply with 10 previous requirements.

Since this new requirement does not represent further and complex administrative actions, Post does not foresee a severe trade impact for exporters/importers complying with the indicated 11 requirements at the time of shipping/exporting U.S. wine and liquors through the Mexican Custom. However, exporters/importers unaware of the new requirement may face delays in shipments until they comply with the regulations.

Note: the new requirement is indicated in ***bold italics***.

ANNEX 18 OF THE FOREIGN TRADE GENERAL RULES FOR 2006
Individual Identification Data of Indicated Goods

Wines and liquors.	2204.10.01 2204.21.01 2204.21.02 2204.21.03 2204.21.04 2204.21.99 2204.29.99 2204.30.99 2205.10.01 2205.10.99 2205.90.01 2205.90.99 2206.00.01 2206.00.99 2207.10.01 2207.20.01 2208.20.01 2208.20.02 2208.20.03 2208.20.99 2208.30.01 2208.30.02 2208.30.03 2208.30.04 2208.30.99 2208.40.01 2208.40.99 2208.50.01 2208.60.01 2208.70.01 2208.70.99 2208.90.01 2208.90.02 2208.90.99	<p>a) The complete name of the product must be written down (example: Sparkling wine, Strong aged wine, Champagne, Whisky, Cognac, Brandy, Vodka, Geneva, Ethylic Alcohol, etc.).</p> <p>b) The brand, type or aging (examples: table wine Marquis of Cáceres, red; Scottish Whisky Johnnie Walker, Black Label; Cognac Remy Martin VSOP; Vodka Absolut Citron; Champagne Moët & Chandon, Brut Imperial; Scottish Whisky Buchanan's, 18 years, etc.).</p> <p>c) For table wine, origin denomination and the crop year in the event the exist (example: table wine Marquis of Cáceres, red, Rioja, 1988; table wine Chateau Lafite-Rothschild, red, Bordeaux, 1991, etc.).</p> <p>d) Number of bottles or containers, as well as their capacity expressed in the appropriate measure unit.</p> <p>e) Folio number of the label of each bottle ("marbete") or container (except in bulk import cases). In cases of imports destined to In Bond Deposit, the importer will have the option to include this information on each declaration of extraction.</p> <p>In case of the label ("marbete") folio numbers correspond to the same serial page and the numeration is consecutive, the identification data of the serial page must be written down, as well as the last two numbers of the label in which begins and those of the label in the one that ends (example: serial page: 01B31988, from 01 to 00; serial page: 01B31989 from 01 to 40).</p> <p>f) If available, lot number or production code.</p> <p>g) Quantity expressed in Gay Lussac centesimal degrees.</p> <p>h) Degree of volatile acidity per liter (only for the part 22.04).</p> <p>i) Volumetric alcoholic degree (percent of alcohol in volume).</p> <p>j) Regarding imports classified under H.T.S. 2207.10.01, 2207.20.01, 2208.90.01 and 2208.90.99, when the product is not intended for the production of an alcoholic drink, it must be sworn declaring to tell the truth in the taxpayer's letterhead sheet.</p> <p>k) Presentation of the "Manufacturer or producer declaration that certifies the alcoholic content of the products."</p>
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